



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6981

*House of Representatives, March 29, 2017*

The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION EFFORTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2       to study public health prevention efforts. The task force shall examine  
3       and make recommendations for improvements to (1) public school  
4       curriculum that facilitate disease prevention, (2) insurance coverage for  
5       prescribed preventive measures, including, but not limited to, health  
6       assessments, treatments, health care services and any equipment  
7       required to administer such preventive measures, and (3) incentives  
8       for the implementation of proven environmental protection systems.

9       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10       (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
11       one of whom has expertise in the public school curriculum;

12       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one

13 of whom has expertise in disease prevention;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives, who has experience in insurance coverage for  
16 preventive measures;

17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who has  
18 experience in environmental protection systems;

19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives;

21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

22 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
23 designee; and

24 (8) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

25 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
26 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
27 of the General Assembly.

28 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
29 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
30 filled by the appointing authority.

31 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
32 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
33 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
34 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
35 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

36 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
38 health shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

39 (g) Not later than July 1, 2018, the task force shall submit a report on  
40 its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of

41 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
42 health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
43 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
44 submits such report or July 1, 2018, whichever is earlier.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**PH**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study public health prevention efforts. There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 18 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses, currently at 53.5 cents/mile.

**The Out Years**

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 18.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 0 (03/15/2017)